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From: Commandant of the Marine Corps
To: All General Officers
All Installation Commanding Officers
All Senior Executive Service Members

Subj: CONTRACTED MESSHALL SERVICES

1. The relief of Marines from mess duty by the contracting of messhall services enhances mission readiness by returning Marines to their units. It also raises morale for our young Marines.
2. With the exception of the Recruit Depots, contracting of mess duty functions throughout CONUS and Hawaii is appropriate. Additionally, full service contracts, including cooks and messmen, will continue at those installations where military food services structure has been eliminated.
3. Budgeting for enlisted messhalls is the responsibility of Base and Station Commanders. Funding is included in each installation's operating budget to fund the contracts. Future price increases in excess of approved inflation rates will be funded by this Headquarters.

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, likely belonging to the Commandant of the Marine Corps, is positioned below the third item of the list. The signature is written over the text "C. C. [illegible]".